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2. The Comite Guatemalteco por la Paz y la Democracia (Guatemalan Committee for Peace and Democracy), a Communism front organization sponsored by the Confederación de Trabajadores de America Latina (CTAL), has been inactive since its formation in September 1948. The Comite was founded early in September 1948 at the instance of Roberto Morena, a member of the Central Committee of the CTAL. The Comite was organized by the following leftist groups:

Asociación Guatemalteca de Escritores y Artistas Revolucionarios (AGEAR)
Saker-Ti (young intellectuals)
Alianza de la Juventud Democrática Guatemalteca (AJDG)

2. A provisional committee to head the organization was chosen, as follows:

President: Lic. Julio Gomez Robles
Vice President: Sra. Angelina Acuna de Castaneda
Secretary-General: Eduardo Martinez Arenas
Directors: Roberto Alvarado Fuentes
Mario Silva Jomaa
Miguel Angel Vasquez
Carlos H. Ruiz

3. The president of the provisional committee, Lic. Julio Gomez Robles, who had the position forced upon him against his better judgement, presented his written and irrevocable resignation to the Comite on 30 September 1948. The secretary-general of the Comite, Eduardo Martinez Arenas (editor of the PAR organ, El Libertador) died early in October 1948. Because the Comite has not met since the initial meeting, the two important positions now vacant have not been filled.
4. The Comite was immediately recognized for what it is - a Communist front organization - and received unfavorable publicity in the Guatemalan press. The most damaging blow to the prestige of the Comite, however, came on 4 November 1948, when an oral report to the press by Carlos da Silveira Martins Ramos, the Brazilian Minister to Guatemala, was published, denouncing Roberto Moreno as a Communist agent.

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5. Source was informed by Carlos H. Ruiz, a member of the provisional Comité and one of the most ardent sponsors of the organization, that for the moment the Comité is completely disorganized, but that after the elections had passed (congressional elections were held 26-27-48 November and the Guatemalan mayoralty elections were held 12 December) an effort would be made to reorganize the Comité into a going organization.
6. Background information on the various members of the provisional committee is set forth below:
 - a. Angelina Acuna de Castaneda is a poetess of pinkish ideology. During the inter-continental Women's Congress for Peace and Democracy last year, she acted as president of the Guatemalan delegation. Her appointment to the vice-presidency of the present Committee is in line with her sympathies and ideals. It is reported that she is being aided in this work by Sra. Chita Ordóñez de Balcarcel, who is organizing a women's political chapter in the Partido de Acción Revolucionaria. Sra. Castaneda is also a prominent member of the AGEAR.
 - b. Roberto Alvarado Fuentes, member of Sindicato de Trabajadores Intelectuales y Artistas Revolucionarios (STIAR) is also one of the directors of the new committee. He is a close friend of Rafael de Buen, well known Spanish Communist.
 - c. Mario Silva Jonam is a professor and member of Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Educación de Guatemala (STEG). He was elected to the consultative council of Confederación de Trabajadores de Guatemala (CTG) for the 1948 period and is now a Partido Acción Revolucionaria (PAR) candidate to Congress for the Department of Guatemala. Silva Jonam is a close personal friend of Victor Manuel Cutlerrez, Secretary General of the CTG.
 - d. Miguel Angel Vasquez is a Salvadoran who has resided in Guatemala since receiving his law degree there. The Guatemalan Police Gazette of 7 February 1932 published after Ubico's investigation of the Communist activities in Guatemala, listed him as Secretary-General of the Communist Party in Central America. It also mentioned him as being Correspondent Member of the Collective Body and Bar Association of Lawyers of Soviet Russia and of being the Grand Communist Delegate to Central America, Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica, Dominican Republic and to South America, with the exception of Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay. Vasquez was also representative of the Central Directorate and Aid Committee of the Communist Party of Mexico. Vasquez was active in Mexico after having been forced to leave Guatemala by Ubico. There he acted as secretary of the "Fondo Cultural Popular, S.C.", the official Communist printing and propaganda organization in Mexico. In 1946 he is reported to have made several trips from Mexico to Havana, Cuba, in company with Alejandro Dagoberto Carroquin, a fellow-countryman. Vasquez is once again in Guatemala, and newspapers of the capital list him as being a member of Sakor-Ti and AGEAR. On 16 April 1948, he was appointed Chief of Publicity of the Guatemalan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a position which he still holds.
 - e. Carlos H. Ruiz, also on the board of directors of this committee, is secretary of the Popular University, a government-sponsored educational organization to provide educational facilities to the less privileged classes. Ruiz is a friend of Nela Martínez, Ecuadoran Communist. He is also a member of AGEAR and Chief of Press and Public Relations of the Guatemalan Institute of Social Security.

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